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1. Friedrich Mueller, Bishop of the Evangelical Church in Rumania reported by letter that he has been reinstalled in his office. With his characteristic political sagacity he seems to have prevailed over the Rumanian authorities. He mentioned that the status of the ethnic Germans in Rumania has improved and that the Protestant Seminary in Cluj (Klausenburg) was training a sufficient number of prospective Protestant clergymen.
2. Although it must be taken in account that Mueller is not free to write as he feels owing to the strict censorship of letters the improvement in the status of the ethnic Germans and also of the Protestant Church in Rumania seems to be definitely established. For the time being the Communist regime of the country needs the Protestant Church, which as an autonomous organization is more pliable vis-a-vis the state than the Catholic Church, as some sort of a counterweight to neutralize the influence of the Vatican. Mueller, although aware of these tactics, obviously takes advantage of this situation in order to obtain momentary favors for the Protestant community.
3. Most of the Protestant clergymen in Rumania try to avoid the difficulties inherent in their profession-

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al status by applying for positions as teachers.

4. There is a growing tendency among the ethnic Germans living in Austria to return to Rumania, particularly if they have children there. The letters received from that country invariably state that the material and moral conditions of the ethnic Germans living in Rumania have improved. In letters from Bucharest it is further mentioned that an amnesty of those living abroad, including former SS men, was imminent.

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